The Literacy Project

Guiding Questions

1. What book would you like to focus on for this project?
2. Who is the Author and when was the book written?
3. What are the major characters, setting, and plot lines of the book?
4. How will technology be incorporated into the book guide?
5. What reading strategies could be used to increase literacy skills?

Guiding activity description:

Through guiding questions and research students will brainstorm topics for their book guide

Book Brainstorming

In your groups, answer the following questions to brainstorm topics for the creation of a book guide to help students with their literacy skills.

1. Brainstorm a list of fictional books that are typically read in a high school English class. Come up with a list of 5-8 books.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

2. Use the following website to narrow down your choices. Your group must decide on one book to use for your book guide. Make sure you all agree on the chosen book. List your book choice below, including the title and author.

You will now do some research on some of the main aspects of your book.

1. Who are the main characters in your book? Make sure you include ALL main characters. For each character write a brief character description.
2. Where and when does this story take place? Write down a setting description. Make sure that you include ALL settings if there are multiple settings throughout the book.
3. Write a brief plot description for your book. Make sure to include the main plot line WITHOUT giving away the whole story.

Next, use the resources provided on our diigo account to research different literacy strategies.

1. What are the four dimensions to the reading apprenticeship approach?
2. Evaluate all four of these dimensions. Discuss with your group how these four areas might help you in the creation of your book guide? Write your opinions down below.
3. Brainstorm some ideas for reading strategies that could be used to create your book guide. Remember to keep your target audience in mind.
4. Your group will be creating a wikispace to compile the information on your book. What other types of technology could be used to enhance your book guide.